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THE SETTLEMENT OF ILLINOIS, 1778-1830. BY ARTHUR CLINTON BOGGESS, Ph. D., Professor of History and Political Science in Pacific University, &c., Chicago Historical Society's Collection, Vol. V, Chicago. Published by the Society, 1908, pp. 266, with index and maps.

Though published subsequently, this book was prepared before the publication of Professor Alvord's volume on the Cahokia Records. No use was therefore made of that valuable collection. Professor Boggess has made a very careful study of the, oft-times obscure, subject of the settlement of Illinois between 1778 and 1835 including the time that the country was included in the Virginia domain. Every page shows in its notes the thoroughness with which his work has been done. Several maps, including one of the Illinois country in 1796, and a full bibliography of works consulted add to the usefulness of the book.

GUIDE TO THE ARCHIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN WASHINGTON. By Claude Halstead Van Tyne and Waldo Gifford Leland. Second edition Revised and Enlarged by W. G. Leland, Published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1907, pp. xiii, 327.

This very useful work has been found of such service to historical students that a second edition has been called for. It has been enlarged and revised as fully as the somewhat chaotic condition of the Washington records and the numerous obstacles to research would admit. It is a consummation devoutly to be wished that the time shall be not far distant when a great hall of records will exist at the National Capital, which will contain most of the immense mass of valuable records which are in the various departments.

The Library of Congress with its admirable facilities and wise liberality is, of course, an exception and is unsurpassed as a place for student work.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF THE VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, 1907-1908. To which is appended the Fifth Annual Report of the State Librarian. Richmond, Davis Bottom, Superintendent of Public Printing, 1908, pp. 154.

A CALENDAR OF LEGISLATIVE PETITIONS, arranged by counties, Accomac—Bedford. Special report of the Department of Archives and History. H. J. Eckenrode, Archivist.

A TRIAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF COLONIAL VIRGINIA. Special report of the Department of Bibliography. William Clayton Torrence, Bibliographer.

It would be pleasant, if space permitted, to tell of the good work the State Library, strictly as a library, is doing. The rapidly increasing success of the travelling libraries, the large attendance of readers at the